

REMARKS

These Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2006. The fee for addition of new claims is included herewith. A Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

Claims 1-23 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-23. The present Reply cancels claims 1-23, and adds new claims 24-41, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 24-41. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The Examiner rejected the now canceled claims 1-23 in view of the following six (6) references: Uchida et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,327,610) Quine et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,895,427) Ahmad (U.S. Pat. No. 6,029,258) Tilden (U.S. Pat. No. 6,449,635) Borenstein (WO 92/22033) Richard (U.S. Pat. No. 6,728,711).

The new claims have been drafted with a view toward patentably distinguishing over the prior art cited by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow these claims, which have been specifically drafted so as to overcome the cited art.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 24-0037 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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